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SUBJ: TORRINGTON PROBLEM

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1. TORRINGTON REP IN GENOA INFORMED CONSULATE YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. COMPANY HAD FILED CRIMINAL SUIT ON MARCH 9 AGAINST GENOA MAYOR AND 20 PLANT EMPLOYEES FOR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE PLANT SITE. SUIT CHARGES GENOA S MAYOR OF QUOTE MISUSE OF OFFICE UNQUOTE IN ORDERING PLANT S REQUISITION AND IN REFUSING TO REMOVE OCCUPIERS. DATE FOR HEARING HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. AS OF MARCH 11, NEITHER LOCAL PRESS NOR UNIONS APPARENTLY ARE AS YET AWARE OF THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

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2. HEARING ON EARLIER TORRINGTON S CIVIL SUIT REQUESTING COURT OUSTER OF PLANT OCCUPIERS NOW SET FOR MARCH 22. TORRINGTON S ATTORNEY DOES NOT ANTICIPATE A DECISION ON THAT DATE.

3. TORRINGTON HAS LEARNED THAT THE COUNCIL OF STATE WILL REVIEW THE MAYOR S APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL SUSPENSION OF HIS REQUISITION ORDER NEXT OCTOBER. TORRINGTON S ATTORNEY VIEWS THIS AS FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT GIVEN FACT THAT COUNCIL OF STATE USUALLY DELAYS REVIEW OF

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APPEALS ANYWHERE FROM ONE YEAR TO 18 MONTHS.

COMMENT: TORRINGTON APPARENTLY FEELS THAT IT HAS COVERED ITS LEGAL CLAIM FOR RETURN OF ITS PLANT ON ALL FRONTS. FILING OF THE CRIMINAL CHARGES IS DESIGNED TO BRING ADDED PRESSURE ON THE GOI TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT WITH TORRINGTON NOW THAT GEPI HAS ABSORBED PLANT S WORKFORCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMPANY ALSO HOPES THAT THE FILING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES

AGAINST THE OCCUPIERS WILL IMPRESS ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND
PUBLIC THAT PLANT SEIZURE IS A CRIMINAL RATHER THAN SOCIAL
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